

**STUDENT AFFAIRS LEADERSHIP TEAM
MINUTES
February 23, 2009, 10:00 – 12:00
WC 6-202**

Present: Joyce Romano, Cynthia Cerrato, Linda Downing, Liz Gangemi, Brad Honious, Ty Johnson, Sonya Joseph, Chris Klinger, Jessica Morales, Cheryl Robinson, Edwin Sanchez, Lisa Stilke, Jill Szentmiklosi, Linda Vance, Dr. Rocio Martinez, Lisa Yenke

Absent: Steve Kaplan, Renee Simpson, Chanda Torres

Minutes

Handouts and the agenda for the meeting were presented to those in attendance. Minutes for the January 2009 SALT meetings were distributed through email.

Welcome Dr. Rocio Martinez

Dr. Rocio Martinez, a counselor from Madison Area Technical College, is visiting Valencia from February 20 through March 30 to study LifeMap. She was introduced and will interview students and staff about LifeMap.

Leah M. Austin Award

Joyce, Ann Puyana, Julie Phelps and Dr. Shugart went to the Achieving the Dream 2009 Strategy Institute in San Francisco, CA February 17-19. The Lumina Foundation presented the Leah M. Austin Award to President Shugart along with a \$25,000 check. Julie, Ann and Joyce presented a major session at the Institute.

Gates Grant Opportunity – due April 15, 2009

The Gates Grant is a three-year, \$230,000 grant for round one and two Achieving the Dream (AtD) schools. We will be applying for this and the deadline is in April. They want something big and bold that they can spread to the world based on the AtD work that we have already accomplished. Valencia has touched about 30,000 students compared to other schools that have touched around 3,000 to 4,000.

Kaye Walter will take the lead on this grant and we will participate in a supportive role.

Fully online application for Fall 2009

On May 1, 2009 we will go 100% online with Admission applications. Lisa Stilke reported that she is working with Marketing & Media Relations and OIT on this project. The online application has been tweaked and we will no longer be printing paper applications except for Dual Enrollment. We will honor paper applications that are already in the high schools until they run out.

Marketing is putting together a plan to get the word out to students and the community. Christian would like to have kiosks available to help students with their online applications and set them up at libraries and high schools.

Concerns:

- Students with disability issues have been addressed.
- Students can pay their registration fee by check on the computer. We will find a way for all students to be able to pay online since some students do not have checking accounts.
- Valencia requires documentation to prove residency so this cannot be done online.
- It was suggested that we have a special P.O. Box number for receiving residency documents so they do not get lost in the mail shuffle. Lisa Stilke will check into this.

Change to National Direct Student Loan Program - Brad Honious

Due to research we've done in regards to our current economic crisis, we have decided that Valencia will move to a direct lending program that will begin in the 2009-2010 school year. Students will borrow directly from the Department of Education and the loan will work through the same software as the Pell Grant (COD). Students will no longer need to select a bank since this step will be eliminated.

- ❖ There are many benefits for students. They can consolidate their loans with direct lending. They do one promissory note which is good for 10 years.
- ❖ Loan request forms will be filled out through Banner. Students will be able to accept/decline/reduce their offered loans on Banner.
- ❖ Parent Plus loans will also go direct in the future and we will no longer be receiving paper checks in the mail they will be received EFT.
- ❖ The financial aid staff will be visiting Rollins College to study how they administer their Direct Student Loan Program.
- ❖ Training will be available to Atlas and Answer Center staff in the future. The process overall is simpler. We will get feedback from students once the plan is underway.

Equipment Requests – new process

Sherri Dixon sent out a new process for Equipment Requests which Joyce forwarded to all SALT staff. They are starting earlier to ensure that new equipment is up and running for the fall term. The deadline for the requests is March 16. If you need any equipment, please let Joyce know now. Be thinking ahead for what we will need next year. We also have Opportunity Funds (\$5,000) that can be used for emergencies such as a printer breaking down.

Transfer Plan Change

Since the late 1990's, Valencia has developed and offered pre-majors. Due to new SACS accreditation requirements, we will be eliminating all but 4 of the current pre-majors, re-name the rest "transfer plans" and redesign our systems to ensure that we don't lose our focus on educational planning for students.

Below are a list principles that we want to accomplish:

- Let students know what is going to be expected of them
- Try to encourage student responsibility with the early planning
- Give students a sense of direction
- Provide an outline for planning
- Give students a reality check. Let them see the hard classes required so they can change their major if they want
- Insure success for smooth transferring and transition.
- Provide understanding with the common re-requisites with the universities.
- Provide explanation of options
- Ensure students graduate with no excess hours.
- Promote higher education

Application

- ❖ Should chosen major be on the application and then entered into SGASTDN? (this would be used as an advising tool).
- ❖ Do we want to list a choice of transfer plans on the application for students to choose from?
- ❖ We need to let students know if the classes they are taking are not required for their major (for CAPP compliance).

Advising/ My Educational Plan

- ❖ We need to decide what we put in SGASTDN. The program of study information is used for counseling and orientation purposes.
- ❖ We need to how these changes affect My Educational Plan and what needs to be done to adjust it to still work well for students.

Degree Audit

- ❖ A student can run the “what if” option when they run a degree audit. It does not matter what is in SGASTDN.

Financial Aid compliance

- ❖ For Financial Aid purposes we need to define “Program of Study”. We will do this at another time after Brad receives information from the Department of Education.

Graduation

- ❖ Edwin indicated that many students change their major to AA General in order to graduate. However, many students do not know that if they do this, they may not get financial aid at a university to finish their pre requisites for their degree and that they will not be accepted as a junior.

- ❖ From Fall 1998 to Fall 2008 we graduated 4,748 in AA pre-major and 27,008 AA General (17.5%). However, in 2008 1,062 students graduated with AA pre-major and 2,468 with a AA General (30%) indicating an increase in student interest.

Learning Agenda: Circling Over Enrollment (Linda Downing)

Linda chose this article because she is aware that parents want more involvement with their college students. She suggested that we have more parent information available on our website. The data supports that parents are more involved today than they were in the past. About 27% of parents have pretended to be their student when communicating with the school.

Comments:

- Parents of first-time-in-college students are not as involved as parents who attended college.
- A parent commented that Valencia should not have a website in MySpace since that is a social network.
- From K-12, a parent owns the rights to their child's academic information. Once the child enters college, then the student owns the right to their records. Parents have a difficulty making that leap.
- Bridges is involved with parents more than other areas of the college (John Stover).

Ty distributed his article for March's Learning Agenda, "Working on Common Cross-cultural Communication Challenges".

Other:

- Tanisha Carter, Program Coordinator for CROP will defend her dissertation proposal.

Next Meeting

The next SALT meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2009 from 10:00 to 12:00 at EC 3-113.

**Student Affairs Leadership Team
Learning Agenda**

2008-09

July	Joyce Romano	The Medici Effect (book) – chapters 1 and 2
August	N/A	
September	Joyce Romano	The Medici Effect – entire book
October	Joyce Romano	Valencia’s Big Ideas
November	(CANCELED)	
December	Sonya Joseph	The Community College of Denver (and) LaGuardia Community College
January	Chris Klinger	“Acres of Diamonds”
February	Linda Downing	Circling Over Enrollment: The E-Expectations of the Parents of College-Bound Students
March	Ty Johnson	Working on Common Cross-cultural Communication Challenges
April	Renee Simpson	
May	Jill Szentmiklosi	
June	Cheryl Robinson	

2009-10

July	Steve Kaplan
August	Chanda Torres
September	Linda Vance
October	Lisa Stilke
November	Edwin Sanchez
December	Cynthia Cerrato
January	Brad Honious
February	Liz Gangemi
March	Jessica Morales
April	Joyce Romano
May	Sonya Joseph
June	Chris Klinger
